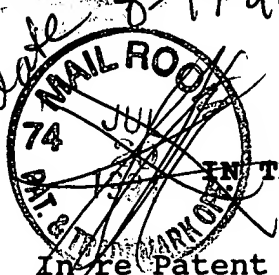


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1 25. (NEW) A device for retaining a sample to be  
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a first tubular member forming a sample cell, said  
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